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FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT FROM BELL; LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: POSSIBLE
PANAMANIAN MOVE IN THE UNSC.

1. FROM SEVERAL THINGS AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ-REVILLA HAS SAID OVER THE PAST MONTH, I HAVE SOME SUSPICION THAT BOYD MAY SUDDENLY SPRING ON US A "REPORT" TO THE COUNCIL ON THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IF HE HAS SOME SUCH IN MIND, IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE HIM TO PRESENT IT DURING THE MARCH 15-21 PERIOD, BY WAY OF COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF PANAMA'S GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE MARCH 1973 UNSC SESSIONS IN PANAMA CITY.

2. HE WOULD HAVE NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT, BECAUSE THE
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FEBRUARY NEGOTIATING ROUND IN PANAMA WENT WELL. INDEED,

TACK ANNOUNCED SUBSEQUENTLY IN SAN JOSE AFTER SEEING THE SECRETARY THAT "GREAT PROGRESS" HAS BEEN MADE. BUT THAT, AS YOU KNOW VERY WELL, WOULD NOT STOP AQUILINO.

3. WE WILL BE SENDING TO YOU A BACKGROUND PAPER WHICH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE COULD TALK FROM SHOULD HE CHOOSE TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF REPLY.

4. DURING THE FEBRUARY ROUND I TALKED TO SEVERAL OF TORRIJOS' CLOSEST CONFIDANTS ABOUT "THE BOYD-PITTY PROBLEM". THEY SAID TORRIJOS HAD ALREADY TOLD BOTH TO KEEP QUIET -- BUT THEY WISELY ADDED THAT WE SHOULDN'T COUNT ON THAT FELICITY. INGERSOLL

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